

SPECIAL MEEETING

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2007

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:30 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m. Convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI Sate Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel and PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation: (Possible Litigation)

II. Executive Session

III. Call to Order – Public Session

IV. Roll Call / Quorum

V. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – May 31, 2007

VI. Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Items

b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

VII. Consent Calendar / Consent Agenda

SPONSORED BY MR. STYCOS, MRS TOCCO-GREENAWAY, AND MS. IANNAZZI

NO. 07-6-2 – RESOLVED, that the school administration cease implementation of heterogeneous groups in the middle or high schools. The academic levels or tracking system in place for the 2006-2007 school year will not be changed in all secondary schools unless a change is approved by the School Committee, and

Be it further RESOLVED that a nine-member committee be formed with the following membership:

- Two teachers, at least one of whom will be a middle school teacher, appointed by the Cranston Teachers' Alliance**
- Two administrators, at least one of whom will be a middle school principal, appointed by the Superintendent**

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- Two members of the School Committee. School Committee members shall be chosen in the following way:**

Divide the School Committee into two groups. One group is the Ward One, Two and Three members and the second group is Wards Four, Five and Six members. A coin flip shall determine which group the At-Large member joins, and then each group will select one School Committee member to be on the committee.

- Three parents who have children in the Cranston middle schools. Parents shall be chosen in the following way:**

Divide the School Committee into three groups; one group (Park View) is the Ward One and Two members; a second group (Bain) is Ward Three and Five members, and a third group (Western Hills) is Ward Four and Six members. Lots will be drawn to determine which group the At-Large member joins. Each group will then select one parent to be on the committee from their middle school.

- The committee shall elect its own chair and examine and make recommendations concerning the current middle school class grouping levels of above grade level, on grade level, and working towards grade level. The committee shall also examine and make recommendations concerning the under-representation of boys, blacks, Asians, Hispanics, and low-income children in more challenging academic classes in both the middle and high schools.**

ADMINISTRATION

NO. 07-6-3 – Whereas, the Cranston Region's Area Superintendent's Coordinating Committee supported the discontinuation of the Automotive Program at the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center,

Be it RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee accept the recommendation of the Cranston Region's Area Superintendent's Coordinating Committee to discontinue the Automotive Program at the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Rhode Island Department of Education be notified.

NO. 07-6-4 – RESOLVED, that a Middle School Sub-committee to Study Middle School Restructuring be formed effective for the 2007-2008 school year, and

Be it further RESOLVED that this sub-committee will be made up of two School Committee members appointed by the Chairman; two members from administration

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appointed by the Superintendent; two middle school teachers appointed by the Cranston Teachers' Alliance; and two middle school parents, one appointed by the Cranston Education Advisory Board

and one appointed by the Special Education Parent Advisory Board, to look at the restructuring of the middle school with the focus on going to a 7th and 8th grade model. This sub-committee will also include in its deliberations heterogeneous classes for the 7th and 8th grades, and

Be it further RESOLVED that this sub-committee will report to the School Committee and administration by November 1, 2007. Implementation of the approved plan will be for the 2008-2009 school year, and this approved plan would stop the implementation of heterogeneous grouping for September 2007.

PERSONNEL

NO. 07-6-5 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified personnel be recalled from termination, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those teachers of the Committee's actions.

NO. 07-6-6 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Jennifer Moretti

Teacher on Leave

Effective Date: May 2, 2007

NO. 07-6-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coaches be accepted:

**Robert Watts, Head Hockey
Cranston High School East
Effective Date: May 17, 2007**

**Annette Harris, Assistant Field Hockey
Cranston High School East
Effective Date: May 17, 2007**

**Carmine Giarrusso, Head Girls' Softball
Western Hills Middle School
Effective Date: June 20, 2007**

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NO. 07-6-8 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Bonnie Hoisington, Teacher Assistant
Cranston High School East
Effective Date: June 20, 2007

NO. 07-6-9 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Karen Paquette, Part-time Secretary
Library
Effective Date: May 31, 2007

Deborah Tullo, Three-Hour Food Service Worker
Food Service
Effective Date: May 11, 2007

BUSINESS

NO. 07-6-10 - RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee realign its 2007-2008 school budget to \$126,395,975.

VIII. Action Calendar / Action Agenda

IX. Announcement of Future Meetings

X. Adjournment

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.

Notice Posted: May 25, 2007